



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 986

A bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on November 29, 2001

S. 986 would allow federal judges to permit television cameras, photographs, and other electronic recording devices to record court proceedings. Under current law, the federal court system prohibits such devices in federal courtrooms. CBO estimates that enacting S. 986 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 986 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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